(c) the details of single lines falling under Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the details of Government's plan to convert them into double lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) During 2005-06 and 2006-07 the number of new trains introduced which are either originating or passing through Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are 38 pairs and 44 pairs respectively.

(c) As on 31.03.2007, the length of single line falling under the State of Uttar Pradesh is 5085.37 kilometres.

(d) Doubling of single line section and/or providing multiple line on double line section are taken up when their carrying capacity is saturated. The major routes taken up for patch doubling/multiple lines in the State of Uttar Pradesh includes Lucknow-Gonda-Gorakhpur-Chhapra, Lucknow-Mughalsarai, Hapur-Moradabad, Allahabad-Manikpur, Aligarh-Ghaziabad and around Kanpur area.

High speed rail corridor

2135. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governmnent of Karnataka has requested for setting up a high speed rail corridor linking Hubli-Mysore-Bangalore as well as Chennai and Ernakulam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto and the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Government of Karnataka has suggested following two corridors for setting up of High Speed Rail Corridor:

(i) Bangalore-Hubli; and

(ii) Bangalore-Mysore.

(b) During the Budget speech 2007-08, it was announced that Ministry of Railways will conduct pre-feasibility studies for construction of high speed passenger corridors.

In this regard, various State Governments were approached by Railways to find out their willingness for participating in pre-feasibility studies. Government of Karnataka have agreed 'in principle' to participate in any pre-feasibility studies. The proposal is in its initial stages. Action will be taken to conduct pre-feasibility studies after consultation with State Governments.

Rail project in Andhra Pradesh

2136. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest details of the progress made on Gooty-Renigunta patch doubling/ Raichur-Guntakal doubling and Renigunta-Guntakal railway electrification projects under the Golden Quadrilateral Scheme;